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Here are some links that I don't know whether they still work.

<https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/sharepoint2>

OEI is conducting Round Two of the [OneDrive Challenge](#). By all measures, Round One was a great success but we (the Agency) can do better.

Round Two repeats the three weekly OneDrive challenges:

- [Week 1: Sync Challenge, syncing OneDrive to your computer.](#)
- [Week 2: Desktop to One Drive Challenge, moving desktop and Document folder files to OneDrive.](#)
- [Week 3: Share Challenge, sharing a OneDrive document.](#)

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I couldn't find the OneDrive document I sent to Hrdy, but the attached one is from the link in our admin updates. Looks like it came out in Aug 2019, so it may be the one I sent him. Anyhow, it is a good intro to setting up OneDrive. Don't let the 8 pages intimidate you, it's mostly screenshots. Let me know if you need any help setting it up.

From: Villanueva, Philip
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Admin updates included.

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- I. Roll Call
- II. Admin Update (shortened)

PeoplePlus Work Codes

- Selecting the appropriate code helps OCSPP to accurately report costs associated with each project code and avoid payroll reconciliation
- To ensure your time is appropriately charged to the correct codes, you must record the right project code and hours related to your work
- For staff that works on activities under multiple project codes, you should establish the practice of recording your time on a daily basis
- PRD strictly FIFRA and the rest of the divisions report time to FIFRA and/or PRIA.
- For staff that report directly to a FIFRA and/or PRIA code , here is an electronic version of the codes with their descriptions à <https://intranet.epa.gov/pesticides/reference/budget/work-codes/codes.pdf>
- For the mandatory online and in person trainings use 900 (Non-designated OPP Program Activities) Indirect Work Code X0320900xxxxxxx
- For employees working on COVID-19 related activities use CV320900xxxxxxx
- It is very important for you to discuss with your manager which work code(s) to use for the work you will be doing each day
- You will be attesting to the to the accuracy of your timecard when you submit it and your manager is attesting to its accuracy when they approve it
- Please do not guess or randomly choose from the work codes assigned to you
- It is critical that you accurately record your daily work activities using the proper code(s)

Network File Server Maintenance at EPA Headquarters

- On Friday Jan 8 between 6:00 – 9:00am OMS will perform maintenance on headquarters network file servers
- While OMS is working on your organization's file servers, files stored on those servers will be inaccessible
- This maintenance will not impact OneDrive, SharePoint and Teams files
- Close all network files that you have open the night before your maintenance window
- OMS will restore file access by 9:30am

OneDrive Folder Redirection

- The OneDrive Team is implementing Folder Redirection to consolidate individual files into one location on each person's computer
- This will take place completely in the background—you do not need to take any action
 - Files in your Contacts, Desktop, Documents, Downloads, Favorites, Links, Music, Pictures, Searches, and Videos folders will be redirected to OneDrive
 - Do not open any files or applications during this time. Access your email and web-based O365 applications via My Workplace
 - After the transition, files can be accessed from OneDrive
- There are a few situations in which your files may not be redirected to OneDrive
 - If there are any files or folders that can't sync to OneDrive (e.g. the name is too long or the file is too large, for example, database files), you will receive a notification on your desktop with instructions
 - If your files are already being redirected to another location, then your data will be transitioned to OneDrive at a later time
- The week of January 11th 2021, OCSPP employees will receive a BigFix Action Request for "OneDrive Folder Redirection"
 - When you see this popup please click "Take Action"
 - Read acknowledgement statement and Click "Ok"

- Wait for OneDrive Folder Redirection to complete. This can take between 1-20 minutes, depending on your local file size
- If you happen to be out of the office during the BigFix notification, you will receive once you login back on to your device. You will be required to complete this action within 24 hours of receipt or it will automatically initiate and complete
- We are asking all employees to become familiar with [OneDrive](#), review guidance documents provided, watch videos, and attend a briefing or training
 - Read the [OneDrive guidance document](#)
 - Watch the [video](#)
 - Sign up for a [training](#) (or watch the [recorded training](#))
 - Visit the [OneDrive site](#)
- For assistance with using OneDrive, contact the How-to Help Center at 1-866-411-4372, Option 6
- For technical issues, contact the Enterprise IT Service Desk (EISD) at 1-866-411-4372 or your local helpdesk

Windows 10 Update, Version 1909

- During January, February and March, the Office of Mission Support will update all Windows 10 systems with performance and security enhancements
- Due to our telework environment, you may have to connect to the Pulse Secure (VPN network) to receive the update
- If you cannot connect to the VPN, please contact the Enterprise IT Service Desk at 1-866-411-4EPA (4372) or email eisd@epa.gov immediately
- Soon, OMS will send an email containing important information about your update. Please monitor your inbox for that email
- For the current update schedule, please visit the [Windows 1909 Deployment Schedule](#)
 - Currently OCSPP is Feb 8-12

2020 National Training Needs Assessment Survey

- Please see the [December 4th Mass Mailer](#) announcing the launch of the Agency's annual Training Needs Assessment Survey

- All eligible employees should have received an email from their local Training Officer or Coordinator with a link to the survey. Participation is voluntary and responses are confidential
- The information shared will enhance workforce development in the Agency by directly influencing the training and development programs offered over the next year
- The survey closes on January 22, 2021
- If you have any questions, please contact your Training Officer or Coordinator

Skype to Teams Transition

- Reminder: Skype will be discontinued on January 31
- If you or your team are not yet using Teams, now is the time to start. We encourage you to take the following actions to prepare for this transition. For more details, you can refer to the Skype to Teams Transition Checklist

III. Ongoing work/activities update

- Ongoing epi/incident memo queue- Good on Q1
- Final Pet Guidelines, minor edits – James
- Syngenta 2035 Project
- Deem PF, Valent inquiry - Greg looking at Brenda's list – on me
- PDP Grains stats query: how many samples? Follow-on?
- Pet Products
 - Meeting with Safety-call + Elanco yesterday (PMRA requirements for pet testing?) -next steps on them
 - Pet Spot on's + recent Seresto (Seresto +) issue (Aaron Niman + Liz Evans) -nothing since??
- KMD – Philip/James update.
 - SF stuff
 - Clearance – ~~in Gerard's court~~ back in ours, for incidents
 "As part of PRDs plan to follow up on the OIG report and release a risk management plan for the SF clearance devices, HED has been requested by Ed to examine the incident data to determine if information can be gleaned regarding
 - Incidents in CA (where CAP is in place) vs. other parts of the country
 - Incidents in CA pre- vs post-CAP"
 - Vikane/Profume survey – being worked on
 - ISES and ISEE Annual Meeting videos and summaries-nexts up<?) , at least for ISEE (expiring)?
 - SAS + JMP

- training on training email- sign up.
- Worth having a session on e-books/what's available + training
 - multiple comparisons book in CEB/TEB share drive – I sent out CH1 + resent slides from March 2018 AHS/Epi Training.
- Codex
 - CAC43 Update? Anything interesting (Aaron N.)
 - Wrapping up chemicals list for JMPR 2022+ and data packages/dossiers for Regular 2021 JMPR Meeting (check on stamped labels)
 - CCPR now in late July (in person or virtual), with some April virtual activities planned
 - Concern Forms- Aaron now has these
 - CCPR Interest Group Meeting this week (John Johnston retiring)
 - “Plan B” discussion with USCO re: CCPR52 + USTR report on MRLs and trade practices (for CCPR52 session?)
 - Unsupported compounds and countries who want them
 - Periodic Reviews (e.g., CPY and Aldicarb)
 - International Update meeting with Ed M. on 11/5 – went well. Maybe have CEB presentation + HED University?
- “Future DEEM” –
 - Professor at W&M, former USDA'er –
 - Meeting a couple weeks ago with Julie VanA./Christina S. on FCID work to include W&M prof, Recipes, and proposed timeline
 - ELMS Board issue – hold for Philip + Shanna
- difenoconazole in/on black pepper at 0.1 ppm using monitoring data (Philip)
- RCC issue (Mike D.)
 - OPPT RE's:
 - 1-BP RE, final version, comments out 7/06.
 - 1,4-dioxane Final Risk Evaluation – comments out done
 - HBCD – comments out
 - PV-19 comment out last week (no epi)
 - TCE comments out – while no showstoppers, I did indicate concerns
 - PERC, out November 11, 2020
- SENSOR data in, 2016/2017 – start using new 2016/2017 data soon? - Philip retrieved raw data a couple weeks ago from dropbox. **Dicamba**, mancozeb, chlorothalonil?
- EtO Status? Uncertain model? Wide CI's? Do we have data? Cohen analysis
- Chlorothalonil – particle size issues + Stats Analysis re: outliers + newest Cohen review etc. (Philip)
- BPPD protocol reviews – Rat-O-Repel -out – nothing since.
 - BPPD MB survey for spinach protein – out.
- Valent response on PFs

- DDT on Ginger response
 - Atrazine/WHO paper + Dicamba paper -- for future discussion
 - Dicamba paper meeting with AHS in August-September later January 21. I need to start getting discussion material to them
 - B-H correction/multiple comparisons
 - Ever-never re-analysis for adequate sample size
 - Small sample size as analyzed (Q4) – using raw data, crude effect size reverses direction
 - Crude vs. adjusted RRs
- SER Course on E-values December 11 (1 to 5 pm) –
 - You should have received official invites/links
 - sent out material a couple of weeks ago and same again last night including 30 minute podcast;
 - Dicamba example ?
- SAP- DNT + DDEF -awaiting report (90 days) - naled
 - Dr. Cohen work/contract status - mostly done
 - Chlorothalonil
 - HSRB – draft in review here to finalize (Matt C.) – interesting issue
 - Exponent/SAP
 - Pet product efficacy
 - ACS Meeting/Atlanta in August
 - Cecelia Tan co-chairing with Cheryl Cleveland
 - Possible Topics -see attached
 - Crop Groups
 - Meeting yesterday on Peas/Beans with FEAD on FR (for Phase 6)
 - CG 17/18 – Philip back to CG 18 review
 - Bernie working on CG 9/Cucurbits
 - Meeting with AHPA, they are interested in inadvertent residues and what we can do (or not). Mostly OGC question to start, David H. looking at what we did.
 - Herbs + Spices – now out in FR -
 - ~~After this out and CG 17/18 on its way, will schedule Kaitlin Keller meeting to be arranged to discuss status in FEAD~~
 - To include Response to FEAD on crop groups –I sent follow on note about R+T and roots/tops conundrum – will need to revise.
 - USGS well water monitoring and PDP/dietary risk assessment (still in my court- I heard back from USGS and we will review manuscript)
 - NAS meeting on F and NTP report – thoughts back?
 - CLA GEP meeting a few weeks back. Notes/minutes back from them yet. Continued conversations...

- Dr. Schrier on DAGs — slides + extra material sent out.
 - Epi work:
 - Contractor reviews contract being worked on
 - Lots of OP's (summer)—may have more word on scheduling – will send out; maybe know soon?? Still not clear exactly what is wanted
 - Glyphosate – CA Prop 65/developmental effects?
 - OP Coalition Work – done/out. No mention at CLA meeting (Cindy Baker was on line)
 - Atrazine RtoC – done. On our “nothing more to do on this unless otherwise told” list.
 - Neonic RtoC
 - EtO ??
 - Mancozeb etc.- now out
 - Chorothalonil – no RARC needed - Erin: check on epi comments
 - See for this and others: <https://beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog/2020/10/captured-by-extremist-pro-pesticide-agenda-a-broken-epa-reregisters-several-toxic-pesticides/>
 - Dicamba –
 - The OPP Package is out now.
 - Epi draft now done (thanks Erin and Victoria !) – not sure when this will go “critical”; I spoke to Mike M. and Dan K.: aiming for mid-January
 - Fluoride epi (August/September?) ~~New court dates???~~ - still “presumed”. To meet later with Christina S. and Team
 - Phorate incident/epi memo (to me 19 August) – RAB V/VII will be late (registrant material not in) - **continue when time**
 - Amalie Crepet manuscript – any follow up needed? CARES-NG and Clare Thorp response – why still DEEM? On **HOLD** for the moment; RAB 8 implications
- RAB 8 BC Conversation – work division/what can they help with (1. CARES-NG testing; 2. Verner/BRATS and biomonitoring; 3. Outstanding surveys e.g, GRETF, NAWS; 4. Other
 - JMP 10 – follow up on licensing. Later RAB 8 -- Dave Kovacs getting license info?
 - GlobalMRL.com
 - v. 3 and OPMP (David H.)
 - Steve N. and global tolerance list/download limits... piecemeal for now. Will need to contact BCI for something better (Matt C?)
 - BCI Contract Status – Done through 2024/2025.

- Meeting with OPP/OPPT ?? Share General OPP and OPPT epi practices – start with Framework poster . Sample size/power issues and ESM (how big is big enough?)
 - HESI update/funders meeting + Pat Murphy
 - Funders meeting last week
NIESH-funded? protocols
 - NIOSH?
 - ACS Meeting, Atlanta, GA late summer? – two potential presentations for a symposium (C.Cleveland as chair)
 - Meeting with NIEHS on epi during late February to early March Time Frame next year ??
 - ROE
 - Workgroups scheduled for October/November – now done? (Steve N/ David H)
 - Toxicity- adjusted exposure with Philip V. – some suggestions (e.g make clear popn being assessed)
 - Some interest on the part of Pat M. in discussion on biomonitoring -- James's work?
 - Marc Andre Verner –
 - U-Montreal biomonitoring -- Manuscript now published - some discussion later
 - EHP manuscript “How many urine samples are needed to accurately assess exposure to non-persistent chemicals? The Biomarker Reliability Assessment Tool (BRAT) for scientists, research sponsors and risk managers” –. He is working with ORD's Marsha Morgan on getting data (CTEPP?):
 1. Should we include a case study in the paper?
 2. How can we help users figure out how to find/calculate GSDs for between- and within-person variability in exposure?
 - Meet with Marc-Andre in mid-October (with Judy LaK.) on statistics and repeated measures – Between and Within GSD, Whitehead formula, and what small sample size does to epidemiological effect size estimates.
- Dr. Nuckols and GIS?

IV. Open Discussion/Roundtable

- New IRIS document out

Notice: EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program is announcing a 90-day public comment period associated with the Office of Research and Development (ORD) Staff Handbook for Developing IRIS Assessments, or IRIS Handbook. The comment period ends on March 1, 2021. Comments should be submitted to the docket (Docket no. EPA-HQ-ORD-2018-0654) on [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

The [IRIS Handbook](#) provides operating procedures for developing assessments including incorporation of systematic review principles. For more information on this document and the public comment period, please visit the [Federal Register](#) and the [EPA IRIS website](#).

NAS SR –

- previous meeting July 23; interesting power discussion; recording now available. See <https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/07-23-2020/review-of-the-environmental-protection-agencys-toxic-substance-control-act-systematic-review-guidance-document-virtual-meeting-2>
- next meeting next week; to include quality evaluation of epi, I think – see <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/review-of-epas-tsca-systematic-review-guidance-document>

Good website we will review:

<https://stratos-initiative.org/>

These observations led to the initiation of the STRATOS (STRengthening Analytical Thinking for Observational Studies) initiative, a large collaboration of experts in many different areas of biostatistical research. *The objective of STRATOS is to provide accessible and accurate guidance in the design and analysis of observational studies. The guidance is intended for applied statisticians and other data analysts with varying levels of statistical education, experience and interests* (click to enlarge)

CDC/NHANES 2017-2018 food consumption data release. See under Data Release, June 2020 at https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/new_nhanes.htm, if interested. The next release will be of the 2019-2020 data and is expected to occur in summer 2022

PBS Frontline – the Virus – what went wrong? See

https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/the-virus/?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tune-in-New&utm_content=TheVirus

Reminder from several weeks ago:

Nice snippets:

<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/does-the-language-fit-the-evidence-association-versus-causation/>)

Additional ones which might be of interest:

<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/> and, from here:
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/absolute-vs-relative-risk/>
[https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/be-careful-with-](https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/be-careful-with-composites/)

[composites/](#)

<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/odds-ratios/>
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/understanding-medical-tests-sensitivity-specificity-and-positive-predictive-value/>
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/review/in-story-on-experimental-blood-test-cnn-goes-where-few-dare-to-go-the-tests-sensitivity-and-specificity/>
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/2017/07/small-studies-be-vigilant-when-writing-about-them-and-skeptical-when-reading-about-them/>
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/mixed-messages-about-statistical-significance/>
<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/not-even-scientists-can-easily-explain-p-values/>
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/3-reasons-why-you-should-be-suspicious-of-study-subgroup-results/>

IV. Open Call/Rumors

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